

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification; rejected claims 26-29 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 101; and rejected claims 20-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the specification, the rejection of claims 26-29 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, and the rejection of claims 20-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner alleges that the specification does not mention a "computer readable medium" or "process code," and therefore alleges that these terms are non-statutory under § 101 and not enabled under § 112. Office Action at 3-5.

Regarding the claimed "computer readable medium," Applicants' specification at, for example, page 1, lines 20-24¹ describes a "portable recording media such as a memory card, HD, DVD, and CD," all of which are statutory examples of a "computer readable medium." Further statutory examples are provided in Applicants' specification at page 2, lines 2-5, including "a hard disk, a card-type storage device containing a flash memory, CD, and DVD." See also Applicants' Specification at 3:10-4:10 (describing various "storage mediums" that can be read by a "computer"--that is--"computer readable medium"); 18:13-19 (again describing a CD as an exemplary "storage medium . . . in computer readable form"); 50:9-13. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the specification supports the claimed "computer readable medium," and that claims 26-29 and 36 fully satisfy § 101.

Regarding the claimed "process code," Applicants' specification at, for example, Figs. 8 and 10, describes exemplary "process setting code[s]," which define "a

¹ In referring to exemplary portions of Applicants' specification, Applicants are in no way disclaiming their right to have the claims interpreted broadly consistent with the entire specification.

comparison for the information processing apparatus to perform between the attribute information list and the property selection list," as recited by claim 20. See also Applicants' Specification at, for example, 35:19-36:5, 37:24-49:14. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the specification supports the claimed "process code," and that claims 20-36 fully satisfy § 112.

Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection to the specification and the rejections under §§ 101 and 112.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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